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For. **SURFACE TREATING PROCESS, SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS,
VAPOR-DEPOSITING MATERIAL, AND RARE EARTH METAL-BASED
PERMANENT MAGNET WITH SURFACE TREATED**

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: May 8, 2006

Sir:

This is a Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment for the Preliminary Amendment, which was filed concurrently with an RCE, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 20, 2006. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows: